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TOPIC	Werneuchen Airfield	619723
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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED	

- On 1 July 1954, 24 Il-28s were parked in front of the hangars at Werneuchen airfield. Individual flights were made. Six radio trucks with rod antennas, about 5 meters high, were parked at the take-off point.
- Between 0400 and 1000 and between 1400 and 1800 on 1 July, about 6 Il-28s practiced local flying. Between 0800 and 1700 on 2 July, there was flying as on the preceding day. Night flying was practiced between 2100 and 0200. The aircraft used their landing lights when landing. Between 0700 and 1500 on 5 July individual and formation flights of 20 to 30 minutes duration were made. Once 12 Il-28s took off in rapid succession, assembled in formation and returned after a flight of about 45 minutes. On 6, 7 and 8 July, individual flights were made. On 7 July, 34 Il-28s or U-11-28s, 1 twin-engine monoplane, 2 biplanes and 1 high-wing monoplane were parked on the concrete aprons in front of the hangars. One day, a Il-28 towing an air sleeve was attacked by three other Il-28s which flew at a higher altitude and attacked lateral from the rear. While landing, one Il-28 got off the runway, made a sharp left turn and broke its left landing gear. On 8 July, 12 railroad tank cars were seen at the fuel dump. 1 It was learned that the runway at the field was 2,500 meters long and 80 meters wide. The concrete layer is said to be 18 cm thick with a strong layer of broken stones underneath. A pipeline is said to extend from the fuel dump to the concrete aprons terminating there in about 20 tapping points. The fuel is allegedly transported to the tapping points by means of a pump station. 2
- Between 1130 and 1700 on 7 July, individual Il-28s took off at intervals of 15 to 25 minutes for local flights. There was no flying between 8 and 13 July. Between 0900 and 1800 from 14 through 17 July, individual Il-28s practiced local flying. No air activity was observed on 18 and 19 July. Between 0900 and 1800 on 20 July and between 0700 and 1500 on 23 July, individual Il-28s took off at intervals of 6 minutes for local flights. There was night

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flying between 2100 and 0300 on 23 July. No air activity was observed on 21, 22, 24, and 25 July. 1

4. The following rail shipments arrived at the field between 15 and 18 July:

15 July. 4 boxcars with ammunition and 1 converted boxcar with escort personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets from Pinow.

16 July. 19 tank cars with 274.83 tons of fuel which had been dispatched from Ruhland on 12 July.

7 gondola cars with 150 tons of briquettes from Kettwitz consigned to Unit Shtierov. 3

1 boxcar with window glass

18 July. 6 boxcars and 1 refrigerator car with military goods from Jueterbog-Altes Lager

1 boxcar with window glass.

It was learned that the window glass was to be used in connection with the conversion of the barracks installation to apartments for Soviet dependents.

5. On 9 July, a train consisting of 6 converted boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 8 flatcars with 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 6 trucks arrived at Werneuchen. After unloading, the guns and trucks were parked in the garage in the northwestern part of the airfield area where they were still seen on 22 July. On 11 July, a train consisting of 6 converted boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 4 boxcars with equipment and ammunition and 17 flatcars with 8 x 76.2-mm guns, 3 trucks, 1 jeep, and 1 searchlight was dispatched from Werneuchen to Neubukow. The shipment involved the AAA unit previously occupying the AA gun emplacement in the northwestern part of the field. On 22 July, the AA gun emplacement was still unoccupied. 4

1. Comment. Two bomber regiments equipped with a total of about 50 Il-28s are stationed at Werneuchen airfield. [redacted]

2. Comment. The information on the length and width of the runway is correct. According to previous information, the concrete layer of the runway is 25 cm thick. The pipeline is reported for the first time.

3. Comment. Unit Shtierov was previously reported as consignee in Werneuchen.

4. Comment. These shipments were reported previously. [redacted]

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